



Springer Tails

Mid-Atlantic English Springer Spaniel Rescue

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Debbie Lipcsey
Winter 2009

I am excited to be the current President of MAESSR. I was very fortunate to have worked with and learned from one of MAESSR's founders and original President, Monica LaPolt. That experience, along with the things I learned from our previous President Rick Gatlin, will enable me to help MAESSR continue to be one of the best rescue groups in existence.

I have loved animals all of my life and stumbled into Springers purely by accident. My mother called me about a neighbor that wanted to give away their dog – some type of spaniel. Mom asked if we were interested. We went to see Sammi and she was living outside in a 50 gallon barrel turned on its side. Sammi, the English Springer Spaniel, came home with us. My husband and I both fell in love with the breed. I discovered MAESSR in 2000 and have been very involved in all areas of Springer rescue since. I have fostered over 350 Springers and have enjoyed being a MAESSR volunteer immensely. I have met some of my best friends (people and dogs!) as a result of being involved with MAESSR and look forward to making more friends.

2008 was a year of growth and change for MAESSR. Some highlights:

- we took in 33% more dogs (a total of 246 dogs)
- we placed 229 dogs (19 of these dogs were 10 years old or older)
- we received 365 applications to adopt
- we were contacted by 190 families about relinquishing their dog
- we increased our volunteer base to 330 active volunteers
- we assisted 132 families with training questions and situations
- we were present at more events than ever before

Just by looking at the above numbers, you can tell that MAESSR has gotten larger and continues to need a large

amount of volunteers and resources to support it. I am continually amazed at the members of the MAESSR community! I would like to thank everyone that volunteers for MAESSR in any capacity. We cannot do it without you. If you would like to volunteer with MAESSR, just let us know - we will find something for you to do!!

The MAESSR Board of Directors met on January 31, 2009. Many items were discussed and decisions made that will affect the MAESSR community.

1. Due to vet costs increasing substantially, we are instituting an adoption fee increase for all adoptions effective 5/1/09. The fees will then be:
 - Puppies: 6 months or less will be \$350
 - Dogs: 7 months to 3 years old will be \$300
 - Dogs: 4 to 8 years old will be \$225
 - Dogs: 9 years or older will be \$150.
2. Due to current economic instability and animal welfare concerns, the Board decided if MAESSR is contacted by another rescue organization, law enforcement representative, or other individual(s) from outside of MAESSR's service areas to aid in the rescue of one or more Springers, MAESSR will assist provided we have the available resources. In the case of contact by law enforcement officials, MAESSR will appoint one or more individuals to work directly with the law enforcement agency involved in the rescue or raid.

2009 will have many challenges but with your help I know that MAESSR will be able to continue rescuing Springers and placing them in great homes. Thank you for all you do. If you have suggestions, feedback or questions, please feel free to email me at springerfarm@aol.com



Calendar of Events

April 25 – Bark in the Park, Williamsburg, VA
Contact: Mary Beach , spanielma@aol.com

April 25 – Paws in the Park, Prince William Forest Park, Manassas, VA
Contact: Lisa Roth, ljroth@erols.com

April 25 – Sarah Kalnajs Seminar – Fairfax, VA
Contact: Barb Bennett, springerstwo@aol.com

April 26 – Pup-E-Palooza, Elizabethtown, PA
Contact: Candi Lynn, frostysd1@yahoo.com

May 2 – SpringerFest, Core Creek Park, Langhorne, PA
Contact: Kim Bolster, ess4x18@cs.com

June 6 – DogFest in the Park, Cedar Beach Park, Allentown, PA
Contact: Candi Lynn, frostysd1@yahoo.com

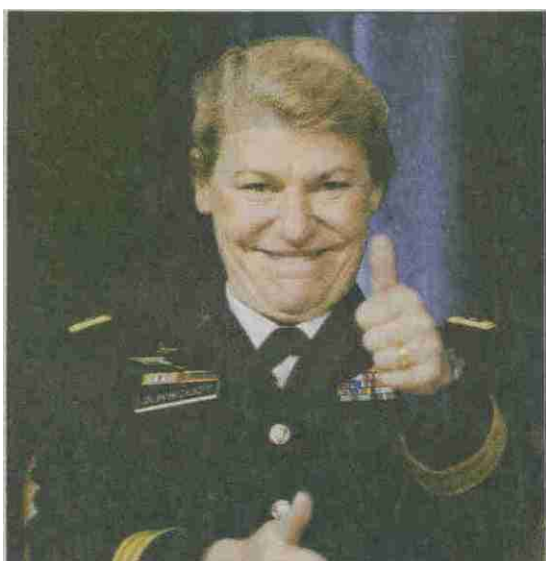
June 6 – SpringerFest, Three Lakes Park, Richmond, VA
Contact: Kim Bolster, ess4x18@cs.com

August 29 & 30 - Fidos Festival USA – Woodstown, NJ
Contact: Vicki Phillips, springerlane@gmail.com

September 12 – SpringerFest, Downs Park, Pasadena MD
Contact: Kim Bolster, ess4x18@cs.com

On Top of Her Game

Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody, who along with her husband, adopted Barney (Class of '07) recently became the first woman Four Star General – Way to go Ann!!!



2010 MAESSR Calendar – Start sending submissions!

Start sending pictures of your MAESSR dog for the 2010 MAESSR calendar! There is no limit on the subjects; Springers with toys, getting into trouble, travel, multiple dogs, sitting pretty, action shots, funny shots, and seasonal shots -- anything goes!



Guidelines:

1. Deadline for submission is June 1, 2009. Mail to MAESSR Calendar, PO Box 15354, Richmond, VA 23227 or email the photo (jpg) to ESS4x18@cs.com
2. Preferred photo size is 4"x 6" or 3.5" x 5". Both landscape and portrait (up and down) pictures are acceptable.
3. Each family can submit up to 4 photos.
4. No humans, pets only.
5. Make sure you include information on your MAESSR dog, either historical adoption information or current adventures. If you have changed the dog's name, please note the adoption name.
6. If you are submitting a photograph of a dog that has passed away, please note that in your information.
7. Please note that the photos will not be returned and may be used in future MAESSR publications or merchandise.

Some photo tips:

Make it fun! Fill your viewfinder with your dog. Background is nice, but show your dog! Watch the background for busy-ness. Try to capture your dog's personality. Keep your loaded camera close -- you never know when or what your Springer is going to do!

Questions? Contact Kim at ESS4x18@cs.com. Please help make the 2010 calendar the best ever!

Springer Tails is always available online so consider not getting it by mail and reading or printing it from the website. Just send an email to Kim Winter at kwinter462@aol.com and your name will be removed from the master mailing list. An announcement is always made to the Yahoo message boards advising when the newsletter is available online.

How You Can Help MAESSR

Igive.com – Register MAESSR as your charity and shop through the Igive.com website

Employer Matching Gifts – Will your employer match donations to non-profit organizations? Ask at the Human Resources Department. If so, your donation to MAESSR will be matched by your employer or doubled!

Goodsearch.com – Search the Internet by using www.Goodsearch.com – designate MAESSR (spell out words to find us!) and we will get money every time you use this search engine.

Donate to MAESSR to honor a friend's birthday, wedding anniversary or special occasion. Don't need any more "stuff"? Ask your friends to donate to MAESSR in your name. Their gift will be acknowledged and you will receive notification as well.

Shop at www.Goodshop.com – designate Mid-Atlantic English Springer Spaniel Rescue as your charity. Target, Expedia, Nike are just a few of the stores at this site. Your shopping will help MAESSR.

Buy merchandise from the MAESSR Marketplace – Need a gift for a friend? Lots of wonderful items that help the dogs when you buy!

Shop MAESSR Affiliates found on the MAESSR website – MAESSR will get a percentage of your purchase

Recycle Your Ink printing Cartridge with MAESSR – Contact Ilonka (raregirl@hotmail.com) or mail your cartridges to the MAESSR PO Box. MAESSR will receive money for every cartridge recycled!

Gift of stock- Similar to a cash donation.....please contact us further if interested in donating stock.

Tell everyone about Rescue.....many volunteers and adoptive families find us through word of mouth.

Benevolink – Register MAESSR as your charity and shop Benevolink partners through the Benevolink website. www.Benevolink.com

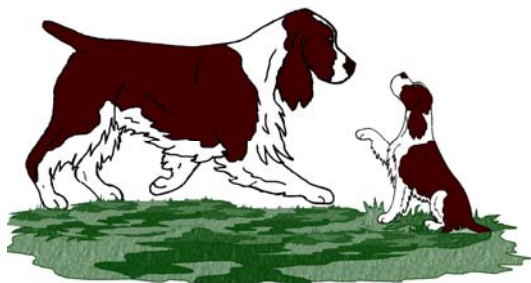


MAESSR Gifts

Volunteer transporter Christine Cronenwett has combined her love of cooking and friends with helping MAESSR! Ms. Cronenwett has been part of part of a dinner club in Western Pennsylvania for ten years. Eight of her friends in the

Mount Lebanon area are part of a rotating dinner club. They get together eight months a year at each other houses. The hostess for the month designates a charity that is special to them and the other club members are provided information (website, pamphlets, etc) so they can read about the organization. Each member can then give a donation to the designated charity if they'd like.

Christine recently hosted the dinner club and designated MAESSR as her chosen charity. Thanks to Christine and her friends for thinking of MAESSR and helping the dogs!



Central Virginia - Ukrops Golden Gifts!

Ukrops grocery stores will again be offering non-profits a chance to raise funds with their Golden Gifts Program.

For the period of **March 2nd through March 28th** – you will earn one Golden Gift point for every \$1 spent at Ukrops. You must use your Ukrops Valued Customer (UVC) card to track the points. At the close of the program, you will receive a certificate in the mail showing your total Golden Gift points. Please mail this to MAESSR, PO Box 15354, Richmond, VA 23227. Thank you for your support!

Gift Card Raffle

To help beat the winter blues, MAESSR will be having a grand gift card raffle. We are asking for donations of gift cards of any amount for any source. They can be for any kind of shopping, gas, restaurants, home improvement, and pet items – whatever you prefer. Once we get all the donated cards, we will then organize them into theme baskets and start to sell raffle tickets. The tickets will be \$5 a piece or 6/\$25.00

We are asking for all donated gift cards to be sent to the MAESSR PO Box (PO Box 15354, Richmond, VA 23227) by March 15th. We will then start selling tickets via the website shortly thereafter. Any questions, contact Lisa Roth (ljroth@erols.com) or Kim Bolster (ess4x18@cs.com). Please help us make this a spectacular fundraiser!

WHO'S THAT VOLUNTEER?

By Linda Johnston

Charles H. Vandegrift lives in southern NJ in Strathmere, a small barrier island surrounded by the ocean and bay. Charles is retired from the pet business where he spent most of his career. His customers consisted of chain stores with a few Mom and Pop stores - his daughters thought it great that Dad had access to all of these small animals, resulting in their own mini zoo at home.

His love for dogs goes way back to his childhood, with a Collie named Laddie who was his best friend. After Laddie there were several dogs that came into Charles' life, one being a Springer/English setter mix who he hoped would make a great hunting dog. A birthday present from his wife, Tiger wasn't much of a hunting dog, but he did turn out to be a great friend. During Tiger's life with them, Morgan, a German Sheppard who had been abused, came to live with them. After losing both a year apart, he decided no more dogs, the heartbreak of losing another furry friend was just too much! Charles held his ground for over a year but when his wife and children took him to a dog show, he knew he was in trouble. Sure enough, the kids fell in love with a Dachshund and began their search for breeders. Soon enough, Madison, a black and tan became part the family. Unfortunately, he lost Madison in his divorce but soon enough, Spike, a rescued Dachshund entered the picture.

Charles became involved with MAESSR over a year ago after a chance meeting with a volunteer at a local marina. He did some research on MAESSR, followed the Yahoo message board for months and realized how organized it is, equating the transport program with the pony express! He thought that with his spare time, he could volunteer with transports, it would be fun. Fostering was not for him, they would never leave. After his volunteer interview, he realized with his background, he could use his people skills to conduct interviews as well.

Charles noticed that MAESSR has a lot of loving people volunteering who are all dedicated to Springer rescue. Everyone does a small part and this is what makes it work. Just like the good ole Pony Express. Teamwork is the key word with MAESSR and he's proud to be a part of it.



SENIOR MOMENTS

By Joan Cromwell

As I am presently without a dog (or even foster dog) of my own it is difficult to conjure up the voice of a particular dog so this months column will be written from my voice, my heart. As I watched Stump take the trophy at Westminster this week my heart filled with pride to see a ten year old dog prove that he was still a winner. Many of us have known for a long time that these older dogs are all winners. They are beyond the chewing stage, can hold their bladder and most of the time happy to rest when you rest. Yes, you will have fewer years with your pet but you will have good years and so many good memories.

Like the rest of you who have loved a dog and then eased it to the bridge, my home is filled with ghosts of past dogs. Even things that frustrated me at the time are now reminders of the love I shared with a particular pup. My chewed up leather address book is courtesy of Mason and Winslow and when I look at the missing corners and teeth marks it reminds me of the dogs I have fostered who suffered from separation anxiety. Mason actually ate pages out of the address book. I lost some addresses but eventually heard from most of the people whose addresses I thought were gone forever. Funny, I cannot even remember the people whose addresses were never found. My carpeted steps reminds me of my beloved Missy and the lengths one will go to in order to make it easier for an old dog to navigate the stairs. At one time or another we submit to the dogs and do the things we need to do in order to create a safe and happy environment for our dogs. Hence there is not one soft surface in my house that is not slip-covered for easy washing.

My guest room reminds me of my sweet special boy, Norman, who used to pull back the covers and climb into the bed resting his head on the pillow like a human. Every single night at around 3:00 a.m. he would whine just a little to let me know that it was his turn to snuggle up to me and I would get up and go sleep with him in the guest room for the rest of the night. Norman was always welcome in my bed but he didn't want to share me with Kelly and Tasha so we worked out our own little version of "joint custody." I think of Tasha every time a doorbell rings on television. Tasha was my guard dog and she would bark when there was any signal that someone *might* be approaching even if it was just from the television. As many of my guests came to realize, all they needed to do to quiet her barking was to scratch her behind the ears and she would have led them directly to my great-grandmother's sterling. I think of Little Miss Maggie every time I see the memorial garden I planted for the dogs that went to the bridge before her. I buried the ashes and marked the area with a cement statue of an English Springer Spaniel. I always thought it was no coincidence that this was Maggie's favorite place to pee. And my beloved Kelly is everywhere in my house simply because she followed me everywhere. More than once Kelly and I ended up in a pile on the floor because she got underfoot.

And Stump's victory reminds me that every single senior dog has something to offer.

The Language of Dogs Seminar

Taught by Sarah Kalnajs—

Certified Dog Behavior Consultant & Certified Pet Dog Trainer;
Sponsored by MAESSR & funded by the Caroline McCoy Jones Private Foundation
Shriners' Anek Building, 9001 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax, VA

Saturday, April 25, 2009

Open to the Public

Breakfast 8:30 AM

Seminar 9:00 to 5:00 PM

Increase your awareness of canine politics at dog parks & find out if your dog is really having fun! Learn from "head to tail" through video, lecture & small group discussions.

- What is your dog saying to you & to other dogs?
- How can you tell when play turns to aggression?
- How do dogs show friendliness, fear or stress?



Sunday, April 26, 2009

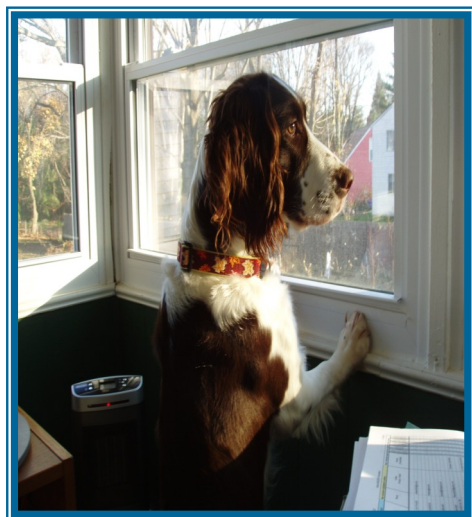
For Foster Families and Volunteers

Breakfast 8:30 AM

Seminar 9:00 to 4:00 PM

- How do you determine the best "forever home" placement?
- When should you seek outside help?

Practice assessing and modifying certain behaviors. Learn how to be the **best** canine foster!



Who should attend?

MAESSR foster families, dog owners, shelter staff, rescue volunteers & those involved in the care of dogs.

Seminar Fee

MAESSR foster families and volunteers—\$25 per household (Day 1 & 2);

All others—\$75 (attendance at Day 1 only).

Fee includes the seminar, light breakfast & lunch.

Register online at www.MAESSR.org

Space is limited. Register today!

THE TRAINING CORNER

By Barb Bennett

Does your “pack” mob the front door when company comes? When you teach your dog(s) how to greet people calmly the visit will be more pleasant for everyone. If you have multiple dogs, work with them separately until all the dogs have learned the new greeting routine.

Begin by practicing at the front door without visitors. Begin by knocking on your front door or ring the bell when the dog is not paying attention. When the dog rushes to the door calmly ask the dog for a sit several feet away from the door. Then hold your hand up in “traffic cop” fashion and ask for a “stay”. Then walk a few steps toward the door. If he maintains his sit, go back to him and praise and treat (P&T). Then move a few steps closer to the door. Go back to him and praise and treat. If the dog stands or walks forward, immediately let him know he made a mistake and say “oops” and slowly walk into him. This will get him to back up. Repeat the sit / stay command and walk toward the door to the point where he was previously successful. (P&T)

Continue your progress moving toward the door until you can put your hand on the door knob. (P&T) Close the door . (P&T)

Depending on how quickly your dog picks up the new routine, you may want to break this up into small sessions a couple of times a day over several days. End each session on a positive note and a release word such as “OK”.

At this point you can add the visitor. Choose someone who will follow your instructions. Explain that you are trying to teach your dog polite behavior when visitors arrive and that if the dog moves forward before he is released with the “ok” they must exit immediately.

Have the visitor knock on the door. Then you put the dog in a sit/ say. Slowly open the door. If the dog moves forward, immediately close the door. Say “oops” and walk the dog back. Go back to the door and repeat until he maintains the stay.

Once he is maintaining the stay, have your visitor enter but not look at or reach for the dog. If the dog moves forward, have the visitor immediately leave and wait outside while you get control. Repeat.

Once the visitor can enter and stand there for about a minute, release your dog with an “ok, say hello” and allow him to greet. If the dog jumps up on the visitor, the visitor should exit.

Practice this for all visitors so that it becomes a solid routine and he knows what is expected at the door. Whether it is a pizza delivery or Grandma your dog will be a model of good behavior.

MAESSR WELCOMES...

By Linda Johnston

MAESSR volunteers come from locations that we service all around the Mid-Atlantic region including Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, District of Columbia, Delaware, Virginia and West Virginia.

We also have volunteers in South Carolina, North Carolina, Arizona, Minnesota, Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia and New York who, despite their remote locations, are able to help the organization accomplish our mission.

If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Linda Johnston at springerlove@comcast.net, or simply complete the online volunteer application on our website.

Please join us in welcoming the following 26 new volunteers who have recently joined the MAESSR family:

- Megan Landis - Wernersville, PA
- Coleen Donovan – Indiana, PA
- Nancy Lewis - Owings Mill, MD
- Allison Dinardo – Alexandria, VA
- Darlene Cole - New Castle, DE
- Mirium Cromwell – Hudgins, VA
- Robin Patterson – Alexandria, VA
- Donna Thompson - Cross Junction, PA
- Caroline Mumbauer – Dublin, PA
- Mary Miltner – Severn, MD
- Brian Wildstein - Silver Spring, MD
- Jackie Jenderko – Chalfont, PA
- Alexandra Santoro – Bethlehem, PA
- Lori & Jeff Morris - Fredericksburg VA
- Robert Riley – Avella, PA
- Karen & Michael Pettry – Morgantown, WV
- David Rockwell - State College, PA
- Randy & Kristi Hockensmith – Landisburg, PA
- Michell Parent - Silver Spring, MD
- Dan Reinhard – Northumberland, PA
- Hank Weber – Whitehall, PA
- Margaret Jezek – Vienna, VA
- Sandy Petchesky - West Piston, PA
- John Franc - Strousberg, PA
- Allison Sedlak – Warren, NJ
- Donna Conti – Woodbridge, VA

THANK YOU

Gifts in Honor

Donna & Bernard Thompson – Abigail & Casey to help a homeless Springer live a better life
G. Keith & Sharon Sames – All MAESSR volunteers
Connie Graham – Beth & Mark Robinson for their devotion to Covey, Rosie & Daisy
Christine Higgins – Beth Higgins
Nicky Dietz & Peter Turkeltaub – Bogey
George & Tellie Dixon – Brady
Laura Pate – Buddy Ray
Lindsey Green – Debbie & Bill Lipcsey
Barbara Campbell – Duncan Garrison
Anonymous – Fran Fisher
Lynn McKinnon – Fran Fisher & Debbie Lipscey for their assistance with Lucky & Lexxy
Dale Lenahan – Freckles III
Liliane Schuster – Gloria Steinmeyer
Rachel Smithers – Grommit's 5 Year Anniversary & Barbara Finnan, his foster mom
Jim & Libby Seybert – Gunner & Maddie
Mark, Jane & Emily Mendlow – Huxley's foster family & adoptive family
Patricia Kyule – Joan Cromwell
Sara, Todd & Bandit Mikolop – Joan Cromwell
Caroline Vonstade – Joe V
Patricia & Leonard Paquette – Lady
All American Appraisal Service – Linda & Terry Johnston
Joyce, Ray & Bear Thomas – Linda Foster
Pat Race – Linda Johnston/Merry Christmas
Karl Martin – Lisa Nuzzacci
Sue Campos – Liz Watson & Normy
Mary Ann McNulty – Matthew, Tyler & Zakary
Jane & Bert Thurman – Molly
Clifford Laing – Molly & Hansel
Donna & Cliff Laing – Molly & Hansel
Lucille & James Rudolph – Mr. & Mrs. Matt Brett & boys Mason and Mitchell
Tom & Dorothy Scanlon – Murphy & Molly
Mary Ann McNulty – Ollie & Max
Scott & Cathy Beam – Oscar and the Montgomery Nine
Linda Johnston – Pat Race/Merry Christmas
Audrey Greenawait – Pippin
Fran & Jay Fisher – Remi, Cooper & all fosters
Mark Wainwright – Reno
Suzann Chapman – Sadie
Pam & Jerry Bordwick – Tucker VII
Kimberly Sanchez – Woody
Rina Kelley – Woody, Samantha & Jake
Robert & Maureen Berry – Zeke IV
GEICO Philanthropic Found. – Sam & Paula Knutson
Isabelle & Barry Chewning – Shadow & Tara
Howard & Sheridan Rockwell – Sidney & Seymour
Dennis Oldroyd – Springer Air & all MAESSR volunteers
Linda Johnston – Terry Johnston for their 26th wedding anniversary/Boot Campaign
Beth Watson – The Weidman Family/Boot Campaign

Gifts in Memory

Laura Pate – Claiborne Kisner
Mark, Jane & Emily Mendlow – Eric Mendlow
Howard & Sheridan Rockwell – Lucy
Bill Gelatka – Jessica Rachel Gelatka/Boot Campaign
Patricia Spafford – Muffy/Boot Campaign

Linda Lawlor
Carolyn Pitts – A. Elizabeth Rine/Boot Campaign
Barbara Bennett – A. Elizabeth Rine
Elaine Sauer – A. Elizabeth Rine
Eugenie Foster – A. Elizabeth Rine
Jean Keegan – A. Elizabeth Rine
Jennifer Sanan – A. Elizabeth Rine
Jonathan Thames & Amy Burr – A. Elizabeth Rine
Katherine Sigman – A. Elizabeth Rine
Mary Ann Carruth – A. Elizabeth Rine
Phillip Johnson – A. Elizabeth Rine
Susan Taylor – A. Elizabeth Rine
Bill & Susan Henn – Abby Hulcher
Pat Alberta – All our dogs at the Rainbow Bridge
Jim & Beth Bickel – Arden
Frank Mellon – Buck
Beth Tally – Fly & Rip Kolakoski
Barbara Finnan – Hairy, Gadget & Chauncey
Bill & Debbie Lipcsey – Jack Jones
Della Anderson – Jack Jones
Pat Race – Jack Jones
Dolores & Joe Terry – Jasper
Susan Becraft – Max
Robert Hill, Jr. – Molly
Linda & Terry Johnston – Moon Lipcsey & Mia and Nikki Rinaldi
Jim & Beth Markle – Nelson & Chunky
State of the Art – Nelson & Chunky
Beth & Tom Anderson – Sam
John & Maureen Sykes – Thurber

General Gifts

Courtney Peterson – Boot Campaign
David Parker – Boot Campaign
Faye Hilborn-Bowen – Boot Campaign
Jory Beale – Boot Campaign
Karen Austin – Boot Campaign
Lisa Nuzzaci – Boot Campaign
Sage Cottage Marketing & Design – Boot Campaign
Reba & Timothy Erickson – from Emma the Beagle in honor of her Springer brothers
Barbara Breeden
Barbara Moyer
Blue Grass English Springer Spaniel Association
Brian Elinich
Certified Electrical Sales Association
Craig & Susan Custer
Daniel Coake
David Barol
Debora Johnson
Dennis Oldroyd
Elizabeth Arnold
Frank Langill
Gail & E. Joseph Schlafer
Gina Lasky
James & Sandra Rawle
Jennifer Lust
Joan Cromwell
John & Fran Hrastar
John & Jan Barnett
John Golden
John Stankiwicz
Kathy Silliman
Kathy, Allen & Chelsea Rose Stevens

Kent & Kathy Nixon
Liliane Schuster
Lorrie Bruckart
M. J. Mintz
Mary & Lee Beach
Mary Scully Riley
Melissa Campbell
Michael & Donna Klepper
Michael & Lexie Jones
Mike Hoffman
MPM Design
Nancy Pacchioli
Natalie Keck
Pat Carpenter
Richard & Margaret Corkery
Richard Hoppe
Stephen & Cynthia Walther
Stephen & Patricia Stockwell
T. Michael Wrabell
Thomas & Robert Schmiedlin
Vern & Geraine Stocker
Wanda Drake and Backwoods Country
William & Sharon Holmes
William & Truitt Allcott
Banks & Margaret Turner
Melissa Campbell
Craig Kuskie (multiple gifts)
Deborah Johnson (multiple gifts)

Jane Schimek (multiple gifts)
Juliana Brangers (multiple gifts)
Julie Dyer (multiple gifts)
Lisa Nuzzaci (multiple gifts)
Maribeth Lawrence (multiple gifts)
Nancy Cawley (multiple gifts)
Rick & Rita Gatlin (multiple gifts)
Sherry Rohn Clancy (multiple gifts)
Frank Mellon – Software for MAESSR
website

Veterinary Expenses

Vicki Phillips – Checkers
Candi Lynn – Keifer
Mary Barnes – Toby VII
Fran Fisher – Blackie & Jingles
Patricia Perosio – Gracie IX
Jean Klunk – Justin Time & Abbie XII
Pat Jaeger – Toby VIII

Dinner Club Charity of the Month

Christine Cronenwett & Charles Bunch
Constance & William Geiger
James & Anne Noland
Melinda Smith Engelmeier
Ronald & Mary Tambellini
Russell & Esther DeJulio
Susan & Mark Gleason

Non-Monetary Donations

Robert Morgenstein – dog supplies for
foster homes

Veterinary Office Discounts

Dr. Nancy Rubis & Staff at Brush Run
Veterinary Clinic
Wellesley Animal Hospital

**The following list of companies
donated products to be distributed to
foster homes and/or donated gift
baskets to be used in the raffles at
the picnics:**

- Springtime Inc.
- Delmonte Pet Products)
- Nylabone
- Merrick
- Natural Balance Pet Foods
- Hills Pet Nutrition
- Boomer Ball
- Chomp, Inc.
- Kong Co

PICNICS 2009!

Grab your calendar and clear the dates, the MAESSR SpringerFest Picnics have been scheduled!

Saturday May 2nd, Core Creek Park in Langhorne, PA will be the site of the first 2009 MAESSR picnic. This will be a return visit for MAESSR to this lovely park. We have reserved two pavilions lakeside and plan to start the day at 10:00.

On Saturday June 6th, there will be a Springer Fest at Three Lakes Park in Richmond, Virginia. Our picnic pavilion is surrounded by water on three sides. This will be our third year at this scenic park.

On Saturday September 12th, Downs Park in Pasadena, Maryland will host the MAESSR family for the final picnic of 2009. A beautiful park on the Chesapeake Bay, our pavilion is next to the Bay and a close walk to the dog beach and dog park. While people are not allowed to swim in the waters off the dog beach, dogs are encouraged to jump in and splash around – a Springer's delight!

The picnic agenda was planned after reviewing all of the great feedback from MAESSR volunteers. The day will include: workshops, micro chipping, obedience training, raffles, shopping, Rescue Parade and canine good citizen testing. Great food and company top off the day! Whether you are a MAESSR volunteer, a MAESSR adoptive family, a friend of MAESSR or a Springer enthusiast, please join us for one or all of these events. Our picnics are a great way to meet the faces behind all the work that makes this organization operate and all those great dogs that have found places in all of our hearts.

Hope to see you there!

JOIN THE FUN!
SPRINGERFEST 2009!!
GAMES!!! FUN!!! RAFFLES!!! SHOPPING!!! CLINICS!!!
FRIENDSHIP!!!



SPRINGERFEST 2009!!!!

Number Attending	Picnic	Date	\$10.00 a person	Volunteer & family \$8.00 a person	Total
	Core Creek, Langhorne PA	May 2, 2009			
	Three Lakes, Richmond, VA	June 6, 2009			
	Downs Park, Pasadena, MD	September 12, 2009			

Check enclosed, made payable to MAESSR

Name _____
 Email Address: _____
 Phone if no email address:

I would love to help at the picnic:	
Will bring a raffle	_____
Set up or Clean Up	_____
Registration	_____
However you need me!	_____

Mail to: MAESSR, PO Box 15354, Richmond, VA 23227

DO YOU REMEMBER.....THE SPRINGER SIX-PACK? Then...Rural Eastern NC...June, 2006

No one knows exactly how, where or when the journey began, but a group of bedraggled Springer Spaniels arrived at a farm in eastern North Carolina. They are hungry, frightened and take shelter wherever they can find it. The gentleman who discovers them contacts veterinarians, shelters, and animal control offices in all nearby localities, but there is no ownership record of these dogs. MAESSR and its southern counterpart are contacted, and quick response begins. Two dogs go to the Southern Rescue, and six come to MAESSR. They are nicknamed the Springer Six-pack. Drivers, pilots from Springer Air, and foster homes spring into action!

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Now...Letters from the Six- pack...February, 2009



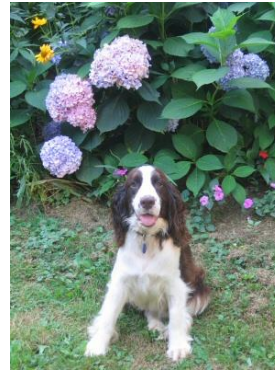
Dune, now Rocky

Dune - I was very scared when I was coerced to get into a noisy flying machine and whisked away to a far-away place! My pilot Dennis Boykin says I was very stinky and had the Alpha dog attitude.

When we landed in PA, I stayed with Pat and Ed Pietryck, who helped me learn about love, trust, and every day activities. I really loved my foster mom and dad and my two foster canine siblings, but after a while I wanted my own home. Once, I nosed into Mama Pat's magazine basket and pulled out a map of Virginia and brought it to her. She laughed and laughed because very soon I headed south to Virginia and met my forever family, the Beaches of Williamsburg!

After two years here, I have Mom, Dad and canine sister Pepper well-trained! I've taught them that I love romping and playing with toys, but my favorite thing is snuggling on the couch or "big bed" with them. I still hate putting on a leash, but I love our daily walks. I am still shy but have passed several obedience classes. I have also become more confident with children.

I am a perfect gentleman when Mom and I go visiting to nursing homes and schools. It makes me happy and Mommy very proud! I let the children and pat me after Mom teaches them about being kind to animals. Thanks to MAESSR and all who gave me a second chance and a wonderful new life!



Heron, now Miss Sugar and Spice

– When I arrived at my foster home, I was bright-eyed and affectionate but afraid of many things, leashes and children were very scary. I didn't know that Springers enjoy and excel at playing. However, my foster mom, along with the resident cats and Springers taught me many wonderful

things and made me happy. I loved hiding in the flowering bushes and relaxing.

I had quite a few medical issues and problems with my spaying, but after a while I was ready to go to my forever home. My new parents brought me home on a warm and sunny day, as soon as I got into the truck, I snuggled next to Mom, a perfect fit under her arm. I was soft, loveable, and as sweet as Southern sweet tea. Of course, I had come from the south, so my mom decided I definitely required a Southern belle name....Sugar!

Once home, I showed everyone that I also have a spicy side. I pushed my way into everything and everyone, craving attention. I proved I could leap over a 3-foot baby gate without a hitch. Thus, my official name became Miss Sugar & Spice!

My Cocker Spaniel siblings accepted me without a problem, and I am now the big sister to the smallest Cocker. We are inseparable, especially at bedtime. I helped all the family by giving them lots of extra love and attention when my 17-year-old Cocker-mix sibling died last summer. I'm a true Velcro dog...Mom's constant companion. My favorite time is dinner time, and I leap and wiggle and whine until the food bowl hits the floor. Our newest addition is Stoney (short for Stonewell Jackson), also a MAESSR rescue from Virginia. He and I love to run and tumble across the lawn and around the pool. Mom worries that we'll fall into the pool....but just think how SWEET that water would taste! Maybe Mommie will add some tea!

Carolina, now Siobhan -

The nights could be cold, noises frightening, and my stomach often rolled from hunger. Finally, a kind group of strangers picked us up and sent us individually up and down the Mid-Atlantic states. They named me "Carolina", and soon I began my journey.



The second driver who transported me took me a short distance and then stopped and took me out of my crate and walked me to this blonde lady who just stopped in her tracks and said, "Oh, no!" ..I reminded her so much of a beloved Springer who had recently passed away. You see, this was the first meeting between my new home and me. I did not go back into the crate for the next leg of my trip. I rode on the seat with my new family and we just kept looking at each other, knowing that God had brought us together. I spent some time in a loving foster home in West Virginia, was quickly adopted by the transporter and taken to my forever home near Charlottesville, Virginia. I am now Siobhan O'Rose Gatlin, owner of Rita and Rita Gatlin. We have been a team for over two years now, and we thrive each day we are together. We play, snuggle, and are generally rowdy, much to Dad's chagrin. We are always smiling when we are in each other's company.

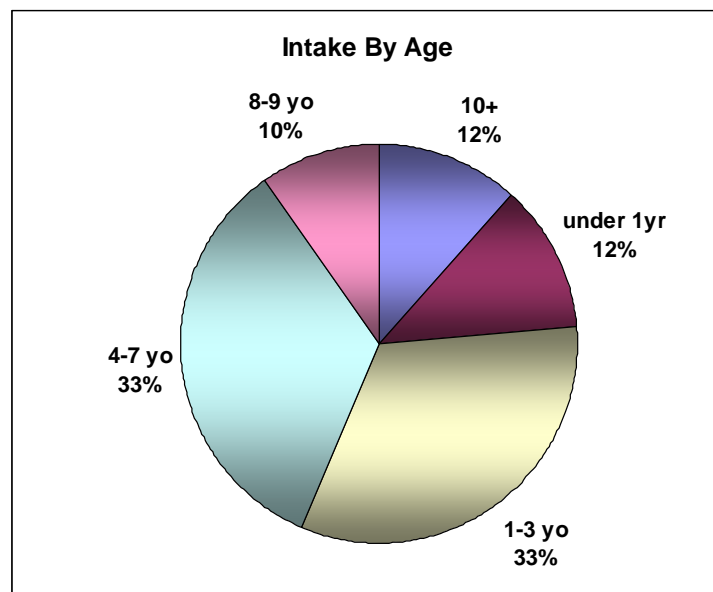
2008 STATISTICS

2008 Intake Reasons:	
Origin of Intakes	
Strays	48
OR's to shelter	21
AC Seizure	10
Abandoned/left at shelter	5
Xfer from Rescue	3
TOTAL SHELTER DOGS	87
Total OR	157
MAESSR RETURNEE	2
TOTAL RELINQUISHMENTS	159
2008 INTAKES	246

Dispositions of Dogs YTD 2008	
2008 Dog Disposition	229
Dogs Taken in and Placed in '08	208
'07 Intakes Placed in '08	19
2008 Placement Break Down	
PTS-Aggression	8
PTS-Health/Died	11
Released to Foster Home	3
Transfer to LIESSR	2
MDDOC	1
Regular Adoptions	203
2008 Year End Available	36
Total Dogs Assisted 2008	265

2008 Intake by State:

State of Origin	2008		2007		Share Chg	Absolute Chg	State Increase Impact on Total Increase
	No. of Dogs	08 Share	No. of Dogs	07 Share			
AL	4	1.6	0	0.0	1.6	4	6.6
DC	1	0.4	0	0.0	0.4	1	1.6
DE	5	2.0	7	3.8	-1.8	-2	-3.3
GA	1	0.4	0	0.0	0.4	1	1.6
KY	2	0.8	0	0.0	0.8	2	3.3
MD	28	11.4	25	13.5	-2.1	3	4.9
MO	2	0.8	0	0.0	0.8	2	3.3
NC	16	6.5	3	1.6	4.9	13	21.3
NJ	16	6.5	27	14.6	-8.1	-11	-18
NY	1	0.4	0	0.0	0.4	1	1.6
OH	1	0.4	0	0.0	0.4	1	1.6
PA	94	38.2	72	38.9	-0.7	22	36.1
SC	5	2.0	0	0.0	2.0	5	8.2
VA	49	19.9	40	21.6	-1.7	9	14.8
WV	21	8.5	11	5.9	2.6	10	16.4
Total	246		185		33.0	61	





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